From: [redacted] OCA
Office of Congressional Affairs
Secure: [redacted]
Open: [redacted]
Date: 09/14/2012 11:29 AM

Subject: Due-Outs from HPSCI Coffee
To: DI, SPA, OGC, NCS
Cc: OCA, OCA, DIR, OCA

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For the Committee:

1) "White Paper" on press guidance (OPA, OGC, DI, NE)

**We've already spoken to OPA who will be coording with the WH as well

2) Paper on motivations for Green on Blue violence (OSA)

3) Contact State Legl Affairs for questions on document destruction at consulate (OCA)

For DCIA:

1) Cable(s) to [redacted] warning of protests linked to the film and response (NE)

2) Cable(s) to stations on 9/11 security (DS, NCS)

Please send Committee responses to OCA for 7th floor coord.

Please send DCIA responses to ODCIA.

Thank you!

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From: CIA OTA
To: NE
Cc: NCS, NCS, CTC, CIA FO, CIA FO, D/D, OC, Stephen W. Preston/STF/AGENCY@WMA, OTA, OCC

Date: 09/14/2012 03:19 PM
Subject: Re: Looping ODNCS -- Re: Fw: FLASH coordination -- white paper for HPSCI Per DCIA Request

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Good point that it could be interpreted this way -- perhaps better stated that we know they participated in the protests. We do not know who was responsible for the deaths.

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NE Classification: CONFIDENTIAL Classified By: 2... 09/14/2012 03:16:33 PM

From: NE
To: NCS, CIA OTA
Cc: OIOTA, NCS, CTC, CIA FO, D/D, CIA, OCA, Stephen W. Preston/STF/AGENCY@WMA, NE, OCA, OGC, OGC

Date: 09/14/2012 03:16 PM
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Good question - I'll defer to [redacted] cc'd) given the CT angle.

(Added in OGC and OPA as well as FYI).

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Cc: [redacted] Stephen W. Preston/STF/AGENCY@WMA
Date: 09/14/2012 02:52 PM
Subject: Re: Looping ODNCS -- Re: Fw: FLASH coordination -- white paper for HPSCI Per DCIA Request

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Date: 09/14/2012 02:39 PM
Subject: Looping ODNCS -- Re: Fw: FLASH coordination -- white paper for HPSCI Per DCIA Request

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[(b)(3)] NE coords on the below paper, to include the earlier edits.

We have looped in ODNCS and others to ensure everyone has a chance to review given the urgency at which this is being requested.

For ODNCS - at this morning HPSCI coffee with DCIA, HPSCI members eagerly sought some sort of "white paper" they could use to reply to numerous media requests asking for comments on other inflammatory press articles regarding the Benghazi attacks.

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Thanks

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[(b)(3)] Classification: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Classified By: 2... 09/14/2012 02:27:18 PM

From: [(b)(3)]

To: NE
Date: 09/14/2012 02:27 PM
Subject: Fw: FLASH coordination -- white paper for HPSCI

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Sorry, sent to the wrong ..

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From: CIA CTA
To: NE
Date: 09/14/2012 12:49 PM
Subject: Fw: FLASH coordination -- white paper for HPSCI

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I didn't ask NE/INT. Just CTC/INT.

Please see the one suggested addition from OGC.

Let me know if you need anything else.. Also, please be sure that DI FO gets a copy.

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From: CIA OGC
To: CIA CTA
Cc: CTC, OGC, NE

DI, OGC

Date: 09/14/2012 12:23 PM
Subject: Re: FLASH coordination -- white paper for HPSCI

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hi CIA – i've consulted with colleagues and the only statement that might have implications for future prosecution is the first bullet. recommend adding the text indicated to add some insulation. please let me know if you have any questions. thanks.

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To: CTC, OGC, NE, DI
Cc:

Date: 09/14/2012 11:15 AM
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From:
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 11:17 AM
To: Vietor, Tommy
Cc: Rhodes, Benjamin J.;
Subject: Congressional talking points en route this afternoon for coord

Tommy:

Echoing my voicemail to you:

You should be seeing some "White Paper" talking points from us this afternoon for coordination. They are for Congressional use, per their request, re Benghazi issues.

Thanks,

Chief, Media Relations
CIA Office of Public Affairs

From:
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 3:00 PM
To:
Subject: Cleaned HPSCI TPs
Attachments: CleanedHPSCI Talking Points for Use with the Media.doc

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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 3:04 PM
To: Vietor, Tommy; Rhodes, Benjamin J.;
Cc:
Subject: HPSCI talking points for review.

Colleagues:

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General Counsel

Date: 09/14/2012 04:20 PM

Subject: Re: Looping ODNCS -- Re: Fw: FLASH coordination -- white paper for HPSCI Per DCIA Request

To: OGC, CIA FO

Cc: CIA DIR, NE, NCS; NCS, NCS; CTC

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Folks, I know there is a hurry to get this out, but we need to hold it long enough to ascertain whether providing it conflicts with express instructions from NSS/DOJ/FBI that, in light of the criminal investigation, we are not to generate statements with assessments as to who did this, etc. -- even internally, not to mention for public release. I am copying CIA FO who may be more familiar with those instructions and the tasking arising from the HPSCI coffee.

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From: OGC
To: CIA FO
Cc: NCS; NCS CTC; CTC; CIA FO; DIR; DIR; DCIA; OGC; DI, NCS; Stephen W. Preston/STF/AGENCY@WMA, CIA OPA

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OGC coords. on the TPs, including the change to the second tick noted by [illegible]

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OPA

From: [redacted] Chief, Media Relations Branch Office of Public Affairs
Date: 09/14/2012 04:42 PM
Subject: HPSCI White Paper Talking Points for review before White House
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

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For review before sending to the White House:

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CIA OPA

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CIA OPA

From: CIA OPA
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 10:22 PM
To: FO
Cc: CIA FO FO
Subject: FW: Revised HPSCI taking points

FO – attached below is the latest version of the HPSCI talkers. I will send you another email chain with Ben Rhodes' comment. Cheers CIA OPA

From CIA OPA
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:53 PM
To: OCA CIA OPA/OCA
Cc: CIA OCA
Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI taking points

Nope

From: OCA
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:43 PM
To: CIA OPA/OCA
Cc: CIA OCA
Subject: Re: Revised HPSCI taking points

Thanks CIA OPA Fyi FBI says AQ (not AQIM) was involved and they are pursuing that theory.

So we are not ahead of law enforcement now.

So are cleared to send to congress?

From: CIA OPA
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 09:14 PM
To: CIA OCA OCA
Cc: CIA OCA
Subject: FW: Revised HPSCI taking points

Here's where we stand as of this hour.

Everyone has submitted coordination comments.

The State Department had major reservations with much or most of the document. We revised the document with their concerns in mind. The latest version is below, as sent to State.

CIA OPA

From: CIA OPA
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 8:59 PM
To: nulandvi
Cc: State PA CIA OPA/OCA
Subject: Revised HPSCI taking points

Toria:

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HPSCI White Paper Talking Points for Use with the Media
14 September 2012

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Chief, Media Relations
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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— DI

From: CIA OTA
Director, Office of Terrorism Analysis

Date: 11/21/2012 01:47 PM

Subject: Fw: DDCIA tasking -- IMMEDIATE -- by 1100 today (9/15) -- coord on TPs for HPSCI

To: CIA OGC

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CIA OTA
Director, Office of Terrorism Analysis

Just to complete the loop.

----- Forwarded by CIA OTA on 11/21/2012 01:45 PM -----

From: CIA OTA
To:
Cc: CIA DI, NE
Date: 09/15/2012 09:49 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: DDCIA tasking -- IMMEDIATE -- by 1100 today (9/15) -- coord on TPs for HPSCI

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They are fine with me. But, pretty sure HPSCI won't like them. :-)

CIA OTA
Director, Office of Terrorism Analysis

DI Classification: UNCLASSIFIED ===== 09/15/2012 09:47:46 AM

From: DI
To: CIA OTA NE
Cc: DI
Date: 09/15/2012 09:47 AM
Subject: Fw: DDCIA tasking -- IMMEDIATE -- by 1100 today (9/15) -- coord on TPs for HPSCI

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Hi,

Please let us know if you have any comments by 10:30.

Thanks!

DI
Executive Assistant to the DI Front Office

—— Forwarded by DI on 09/15/2012 09:46 AM ——

From: DDCIA FO
To: NCS, FO
Cc: NCS CIA FO
DI, NCS

Date: 09/15/2012 09:45 AM
Subject: DDCIA tasking – IMMEDIATE – by 1100 today (9/15) – coord on TPs for HPSCI

DDCIA requests right away internal coordination on the enclosed unclass TPs for HPSCI. Please respond ASAP.

Thanks,
DDCIA-FO

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Date: 09/15/2012 11:09 AM
Please respond to "Matthew G. Olsen"

Subject: [AIN] FW: Unclassified Talking Points
To: MICHAEJM

History: This message has been forwarded.

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Michael -- TPs sent to Ruppersberger from ODNI leg.

-----Original Message-----
From: NCTC/OLA
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 10:51 AM
To: Nicholas J Rasmussen; Matthew G. Olsen
Cc: NCTC
Subject: Unclassified Talking Points

Sirs - Here is what we sent Heather Molino (Ruppersberger)

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Legislative Liaison
Office of the Director
of National Intelligence

From: Rhodes, Benjamin J.
Date: 09/15/2012 11:12 AM
Subject: [AIN] RE:
To: 'michaejm[redacted] Robert.Cardillo[redacted] alanrp[redacted] matt.olsen[redacted] sullivanjj[redacted] mark.giuliano[redacted]
Cc: CIA OCA/OPA, FO, CIA FO

Please respond to "Rhodes, Benjamin J."

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:08 AM
To: Robert.Cardillo[redacted] alanrp[redacted] matt.olsen[redacted] sullivanjj[redacted]; mark.giuliano[redacted] Rhodes, Benjamin J.; jcingli[redacted] lisa.monaco[redacted]
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Date: 09/15/2012 11:15 AM

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Cc: CIA OCA/OPA [FO] CIA FO

Please respond to "Matthew G. Olsen"

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Michael -- This looks good to me.

-Matt

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Cc: [CIA OCA/OPA CIA FO]
Subject: RE:

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Subject: [AIN] RE:
To: 'Rhodes, Benjamin J.' MICHAEJM , Robert Cardillo, Alan R Pino , sullivanj mark.giuliano jcingl lisa.monaco Mark Giuliano
Cc: CIA OCA/OPA FO CIA FO

Please respond to "Matthew G. Olsen"

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Adding the correct email for Giuliano.

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:12 AM
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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:08 AM
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Date: 09/15/2012 11:25 AM

Subject: [AIN] RE:
To: 'michaejm Robert.Cardillo alanrp matt.olsen sullivanjj mark.giuliano
Cc: CIA OCA CIA OPA FO CIA FO

Please respond to "Rhodes, Benjamin J."

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One edit for accuracy:

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From: Sullivan, Jacob J
Date: 09/15/2012 11:26 AM
Subject: [AIN] RE:
To: Rhodes, Benjamin J., michaejm, Robert.Cardillo, alanrp, matt.olsen, mark.giuliano, jcingli, lisa.monaco
Cc: CIA OCA, OPA | FO | CIA FO

Please respond to "Sullivan, Jacob J"

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This looks good. Two small edits:

1. We call it "the US mission" or the "US diplomatic post" because it is not actually a Consulate.
2. There is a missing "of" in the third tic.

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To: 'michaej ; Robert.Cardillo alanrp
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Cc: CIA OCA CIA OPA FO
CIA FO
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From: Monaco, Lisa (NSD)
Date: 09/15/2012 11:46 AM

Subject: [AIN] RE:
To: 'michaejm Robert.Cardillo alanrp matt.olsen sullivanjj mark.giuliano
Cc: CIA OCA, CIA OPA, FO, CIA FO

Please respond to "Monaco, Lisa (NSD)"

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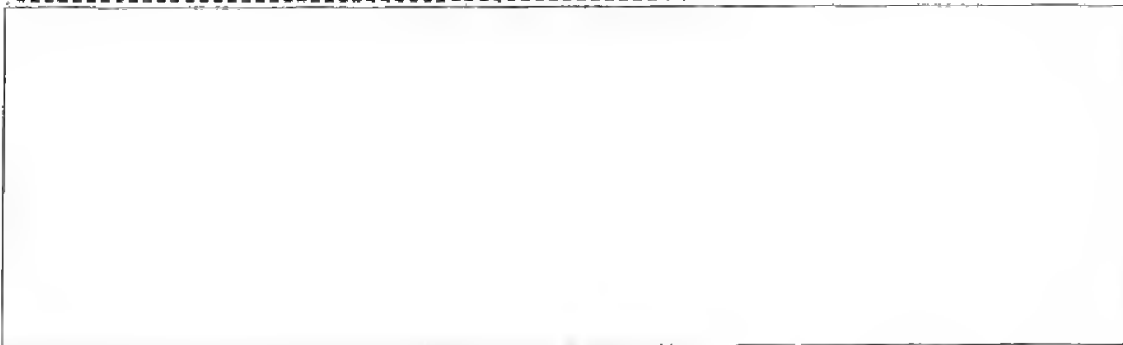
Michael - DOJ and FBI are ok with these. thanks

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From: Inglis, John C.
Date: 09/15/2012 11:58 AM
Subject: [AIN] RE:
To: 'Sullivan, Jacob J', Rhodes, Benjamin J. michaejm Robert.Cardillo alanrp matt.olsen
Cc: CIA OCA CIA OPA CIA FO FO ,"Inglis, John C", "Fleisch,

Please respond to "Inglis, John C"

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NSA concurs with the content and cast of the bullets. Thanks for the chance to review.

Chris Inglis

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From: CIA OCA
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:03 PM
To: MICHAEJM
Cc: CIA OPA [redacted] FO CIA FO
Subject: Re:

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V/r
OCA

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CIA FO

From: CIA FO
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:13 PM
To: CIA OCA MICHAEJM
Cc: CIA OPA FO
Subject: Re:

OCA

Before going to the committees, may I please ask you to send these to the Director? He needs to know in advance what is going to the Hill in his name, even if it going with the force of full interagency coordination.

Cheers, CIA FO

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Cc: FO CIA FO
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From: Robert Cardillo
Date: 09/15/2012 12:24 PM
Subject: [AIN] Re:
To: MICHAEJM; Alan R Pino
Please respond to Robert Cardillo

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I am, Michael.

----- Original Message -----
From: MICHAEJM
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:20 PM
To: Robert Cardillo; Alan R Pino
Subject: Fw:

Robert, Alan--Everyone else has coordinated and HPSCI is waiting not so patiently. Are you guys good? Michael

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Subject: [AIN] RE:
To: MICHAEJM, CIA OPA CIA OCA
Cc: CIA FO

Please respond to
CIA FO

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This is to confirm in writing: I just spoke with Alan on the phone. Allen said he concurred with the TPs.

-----Original Message-----
From: MICHAEJM
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:19 PM
To: CIA OPA, CIA OCA
Cc: CIA FO
Subject: Re:

Thanks. I will bug Robert and Alan.

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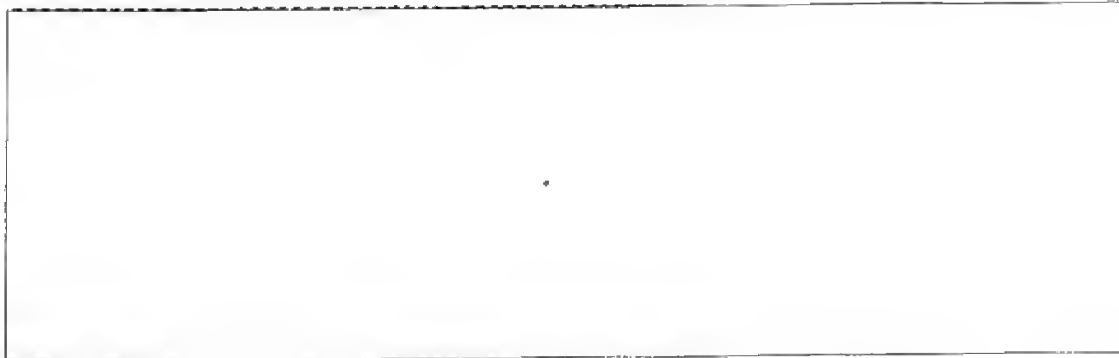
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Subject: Re: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

Please do--I have not reached out.

Best,
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I'm going to email Jake on the libya points references below unless either of you are linked in to this effort. Pls let me know.

From: USUN
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No mention of the cable to Cairo, either? Frankly, I'd just as soon not use this, then... NSS's call, to be sure; however, this is certainly not what Vice Chairman RUppersberger was hoping to get for unclas use. Regardless, thx for the great work -

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